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Jorgensen Statement Regarding Bucks Vote

MADISON - Assembly Democratic Caucus Chair and State Representative Andy Jorgensen (D-Milton) today released this statement, following his vote in support of the Milwaukee Bucks arena deal, which was approved on bipartisan grounds, 52-34.

"If you had asked me just after Governor Scott Walker's budget address if I'd be supporting the Bucks arena plan, I'd have said, 'no.' I couldn't bear the idea that we'd subsidize an arena, when school funding was being cut so severely. But, this plan is not Governor Walker's plan – far from it.

"In Senate Bill 209, an investment of \$3.5 million each year gets Wisconsin \$6.5 million in revenue from professional basketball players who pay income taxes here. Keeping the Bucks in Wisconsin puts our state in a better financial situation to support the things we truly value: public schools, lifeline health care programs, and the UW System.

"The folks in my district seemed to understand the economics of this deal because they contacted me in support of the deal by a margin of nearly 2-to-1. Their input, as always, matters most to me, and it continues to be a privilege to be their voice in the State Assembly."

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